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# WARREN COUNTY

Local Economic Development Organization

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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Chairman Elliot:

I am writing to express Warren County Economic Development's support for a strong freight railroad network, not only in our state/region, but across the nation.

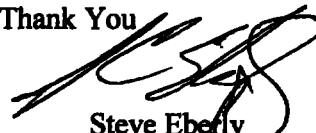
It is now more critical than ever that the rail industry reinvests and continues to provide strong service. Salvation of our crumbling local and state road infrastructure and reduction in the use of petroleum related to transportation are just two examples supporting this need.

Warren County depends upon a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery. We have the luxury of good rail within our county and our local agriculture depends upon this.

We oppose any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure. We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the STB. We need to maintain the strong and well-balanced regulatory regime we have in place today.

Thank you for our consideration of our position.

Thank You



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